

## **NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR EAST TENNESSEE MATERIALS & ENERGY CORPORATION**

East Tennessee Materials & Energy Corporation (M&EC) submitted a Part A and Part B Hazardous Waste Management Permit Renewal Application on December 29, 2008, to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC's) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM). The application is for the renewal of M&EC's current permit (TNHW-099) to continue to store and treat hazardous waste in containers, tanks, and miscellaneous units at its facility located at East Tennessee Technology Park in Oak Ridge, Roane County, TN 37830 (see map). This action follows the Pre-Application Public Meeting conducted by the facility on December 2, 2008, as required by Tennessee Rule 1200-1-11-.07(2)(c)3(i).

M&EC (EPA ID No.: TNR 00 000 5397) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. M&EC operates a mixed (hazardous and radioactive) waste storage and treatment facility at the Department of Energy (DOE) Reservation and primarily processes the DOE legacy and remediation waste. The current permit, issued on June 30, 1999, was effective for ten years. This permit allowed the facility to store and treat mixed waste in containers, tanks, and miscellaneous units.

The permit renewal application also provides information on all solid waste management units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the facility, including any previous or ongoing investigations or corrective actions for any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents. The conditions of this permit will require that any future and existing SWMUs or AOCs be evaluated for potential releases and remediation, as necessary.

Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (Regulations) require that the facility submit the permit renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit expires on June 30, 2009, thus enabling the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until another permit is issued or denied. Renewal of this permit will allow the facility to continue its operation for an additional 10 years.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application, consisting of a Part A and a Part B, must include certain text, drawings and other information adequate to demonstrate that the facility will comply with the various technical, administrative, and financial standards applicable to such a facility. Evaluation of the renewal application involves an in-depth review of the application materials by DSWM staff and subsequent correspondence between DSWM and the facility identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information. Once it determines the application is complete, DSWM will make a tentative decision to either grant or deny the permit and issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. A draft permit would also include conditions regulating both the operational units and SWMUs and AOCs at the site. Public Notice will be given of this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action. A public hearing, if requested, may also be held to receive public comments within this public comment period. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM director will issue a final permit decision to either issue a final permit or terminate the existing permit. A [Response to Comments](#) will also be issued at that time.

Interested persons may view the renewal application at any of the following locations: TDEC's Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Public Access Area, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035); Kingston Public Library; 1004 Bradford Way, Kingston, TN (865-376-9905); and Oak Ridge Public Library, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN (865-425-3455). Normal state office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, excluding legal holidays.

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Ben Crocker; Materials & Energy Corporation; 2010 Highway 58, Suite 1020; Oak Ridge, TN 37830-1020 (865-574-0149). Also information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed throughout the permit review process to Ms. Angela Ivory; Treatment, Storage and Disposal Section; Division of Solid Waste Management; TDEC; 5th Floor, L & C Tower; 401 Church Street; Nashville, TN 37243-1535 (615-532-9267), fax 615-532-0886 or e-mail [Angela.Ivory@state.tn.us](mailto:Angela.Ivory@state.tn.us).

Persons wishing to be on DSWM's mailing list should request a Mailing List Request form by calling or writing: Public Participation Officer; Division of Solid Waste Management; Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; 5th Floor, L & C Tower; 401 Church Street; Nashville, TN 37243-1535; phone 615-532-0798 or e-mail [Solid.Waste@state.tn.us](mailto:Solid.Waste@state.tn.us).

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